

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY
Recovery and Employment for a New Life (RENEW) Program – (\$995,128 grant)

San Francisco's RENEW project provides additional resources to the county's existing Assertive Community Treatment programs. The foundation of these programs is the partnership between Jail Psychiatric Services (JPS), UC San Francisco's Citywide Case Management, the Department of Public Health, the county's successful Mental Health Court, Adult Probation and the Sheriff's Department. This collaborative will implement the following services to 50 clients who are accepted into Behavioral Health Court.

The Illness Management and Recovery program consists of a series of weekly sessions in which practitioners work collaboratively with clients, offering a variety of information, strategies, and skills that can be used to further their own recovery. This structured program is being provided in-custody as well as in the community, promoting a continuum of care. Through the partnership of JPS (providing in-custody mental health evaluations and treatment) and Citywide (providing post-custody case management services), an estimated 150 clients will be served through weekly training sessions lasting 3-6 months.

Supported Employment will assist 10-15 mentally ill clients in finding, selecting and maintaining competitive work in the community. An Employment Specialist will begin employment support for clients while they are in custody and assist them in obtaining jobs as soon as they enter a post-custody program through coordinated efforts with agencies such as Goodwill Industries.

San Francisco's NOVA (No Violence Alliance) wraparound service project, aimed at addressing community violence prevention, is expanding to include 15-20 violent ex-offenders with mental illnesses. This expansion also includes the addition of a Psychiatric Social Worker and Probation Officer for intensive mental health case management and supervision.

Grant funds will also be used to purchase 5 integrated residential treatment beds at the Center for Recovery, a co-occurring disorder treatment facility. These beds will help to alleviate long jail stays by clients solely due to the lack of sufficient co-occurring housing options.

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